

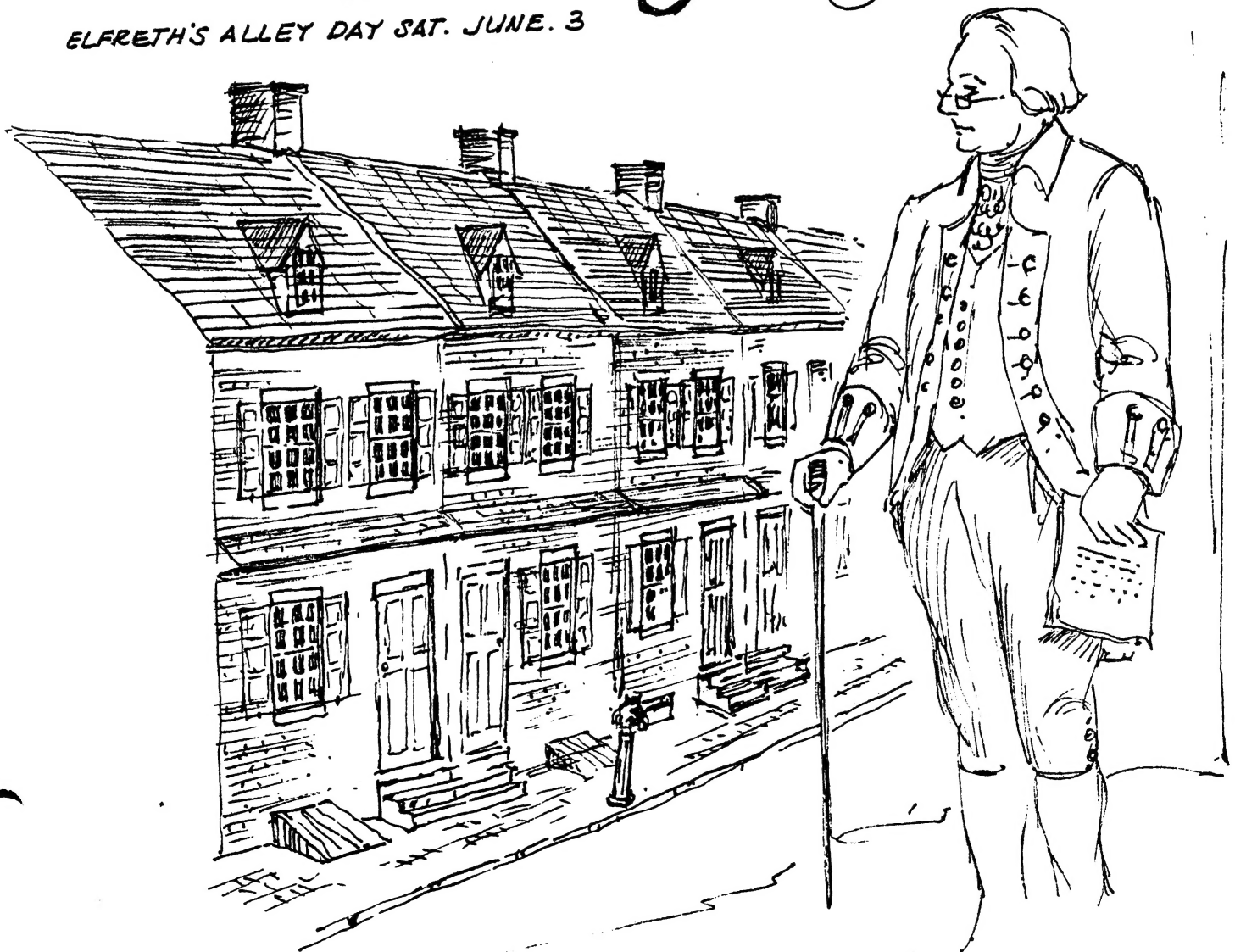
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Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1000 hrs;  
2 meters FM (147.63/03 via WR3ADS) 0930 hrs.

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## IT SEEMS TO ME

One of the irrevocable facts of life is that as we grow steadily older things change. Our bodies get wrinkled; our insides don't work quite up to par; it's harder to get started; we go a little more slowly, and for not quite as long as before.

What you have just read is not a commentary on the human aging process, but an apt description of the CommBus situation. The time is coming, if in fact it has not already arrived, when retirement of the Yellow Peril must be considered.

From the reaction of visitors at the SPARC and other hamfests, and the publicity which our communications vehicles have always brought the club, there is little doubt that a replacement should be put into service. We have equipment, we also have an excellent and willing architect/builder, but we need money, and a vehicle.

Let's give some thought to this situation because as a club project it is very rewarding, and who knows but that if we make enough noise a magic wand might help us find what we want.....it's happened before!

de K3KUD

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Sam's CORNER  
IN THE SPRING...  
SOME MENS  
FANCY TURNS  
TO FISHING



## PREZ SEZ

For those among you who are interested in numbers, you might have noted that twice this month we had our times and date number sequence of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. I am sure you can figure out when that took place. I wonder what you were doing at the time (times, it happened twice the same day).

Speaking of numbers, we are very proud of Stuart Sadwin, who bowled his first perfect (300) game on May 7, 1978. That's exactly six years after he bowled his first 200. That is slow, steady progress.

While on the subject of progress, we are all very happy to know that W3EXY has returned to his home after being in Graduate Hospital as a result of his recent illness. We hope to hear him on the air very shortly. We are also looking forward to hearing Frenchy, W3IRS, who is also recovering from medical problems.

Although it may be somewhat late to comment about Dayton, it certainly deserves some discussion. Those of you who went had the unique experience of the world's greatest hamfest. Those who did not go should try to make it at least once if they have not already been to the Dayton Hamvention. On the first night I was unable to attend the FM B-A-S-H. I found a group of W8's who were having their own bash at the motel and they invited me to join them for food and beverages. Some people think our bash was better than the big one.

So far the use of the auditorium at the Franklin Institute has been very acceptable to our members. I have not heard any strong objections to the continued use of that facility. The program on metrification lends itself to the auditorium since we do expect increased numbers of guests.

There were several critical comments about the last Prez Sez discussion on our Midmonth Meeting. The pros and cons have been appreciated. What are your feelings on the subject?

WB2LGY

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## WORD TO THE WISE (?) DEPARTMENT

Just outside a small city in the western part of Connecticut we saw a very fancy enameled metal sign which stated, "Obey regulations at all times; FCC monitors Channel 19".

Well, at least they can't say you didn't warn 'em.

PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR JUNE

June 5 Regular Meeting at Franklin Institute, 8:00 PM. Program will be  
"Metrification and Measurement" by Dr. Anton Glaser

June 14 Flag Day

June 18 Father's Day

June 21 Midmonth Meeting at W3PXY

June 22 First day of Summer

June 24-25 Field Day Weekend

June 26 BLURB folding at W3QQH, 7:15 PM

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MEETING REPORT

With 36 members and 10 visitors present the May Regular Meeting was held in the Ampitheater of the Franklin Institute. After hearing and accepting the Minutes and Treasurer's Report the assembled multitude witnessed a stirring ritual as The Prez presented name badges to some of our newest members.

Committee reports followed the ceremony (?) and a report on three of our members who have been under the weather. Frenchy, W3IRS, is home from the hospital but will be required to stay close to home for about 3 months; Joe, K3CT, coming along well after surgery; and Doc, W3EXY, making good progress and will convalesce at home for a time.

It was reported that Stag Nite produced 29 diners and 33 members for the meeting which followed. We would like to welcome Dave Cabot to membership in the club. Dave was approved at the Stag Nite meeting. His call is WA3UZB.

The program for the evening was presented by Al Jorett, W3OWK/K2LK, and was on the subject of Black and White Photography. Al, who worked for many years as a commercial photographer, talked about methods and equipment used in the pre-WWII days and displayed some of his work, both commercial and personal. While the program was brief we enjoyed it and thank Al for sharing this facet of his "other hobby" with us.

At the conclusion of the meeting coffee and doughnuts were consumed in great quantities, as usual.

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Don't forget that the July Midmonth Meeting will once again take the form of a seashore outing. This year we will journey to Beach Haven where we will be the guests of W3SGR. The date is Saturday, July 15. We will have more information at the upcoming meetings about this event.

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Wouldn't it be nice to be as sure of anything as some people are of everything?

DAYTON HAMVENTION 1978 tnx to Charlie Stouth, W3ZPP

Blessed with beautiful weather and two proclamations, one from Governor James Rhodes of Ohio and one from Mayor James McGee of Dayton, proclaiming the week of April 24-30 to be Amateur Radio Week, the convention was off to a great start.

Friday at noon the doors of Hara Arena opened for a look at the exhibitions and prizes. This year the number of exhibitors was greatly increased over past years. Friday evening most of the visitors attended the 9th Annual FM B-A-S-H at the Convention Center in downtown Dayton. TV personality Bob Reider (WA8GFF) and his group entertained those present.

Saturday, 6:00 AM saw the opening of the Flea Market with inside exhibitors opening at 8:00 AM. Hams and would-be hams arrived by the thousands. If it wasn't at Dayton, it wasn't for sale anywhere. Saturday evening at 7:00 PM the Banquet was held at the downtown Convention Center with the reported attendance at 2000 persons. There was no principal speaker for this event and entertainment was provided by several musical groups prior to the prize drawings. I felt that the banquet lacked some of the usual interest and appeared to be more of a rushed affair than those previous. Amateur of The Year Award went to Frank Schwab, W8OK for outstanding service to amateur radio. The Specific Achievement Award went to Ronald Moorfield, W8ILC for QRP operation; 226 countries SSB with one watt.

Sunday the whole affair ended with a diminished Flea Market and exhibitors packing up with lots of last minute deals being made. FCC examinations were given on Saturday and Sunday. From comments heard there were a lot of failures due to the new exams for Advanced and Extra Class.

Philmont had the usual fine representation. The Ed Moores had 100% family representation. Others attending were W3's IGW, BIP, ZPP, GIF, GQD, AWG; K3's GNM, SPS, KNH; WA3KLR, WB3CMM, EKK; WB2LGY; WB2SZF, K2RRC. Dee Moore, WA2NSA, Doris Hamilton and Jackie Chedeville represented the fair sex of Philmont.

We missed Doc Dillon, W3EXY, and Miriam who had planned to be with us but had to cancel because of Doc's illness. There is always next year Doc, and we'll be looking for both of you then.

Start your piggy banks now, get in on the fun for next year, April 27, 28, 29, 1979. Motel/hotel reservations start in October, 1978.

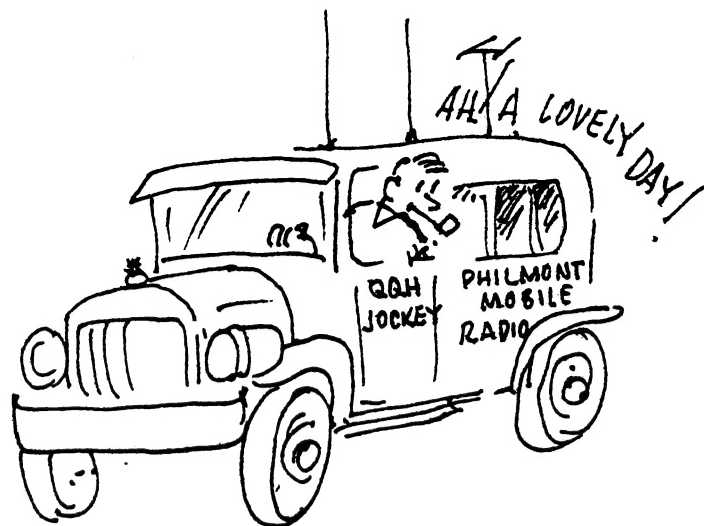
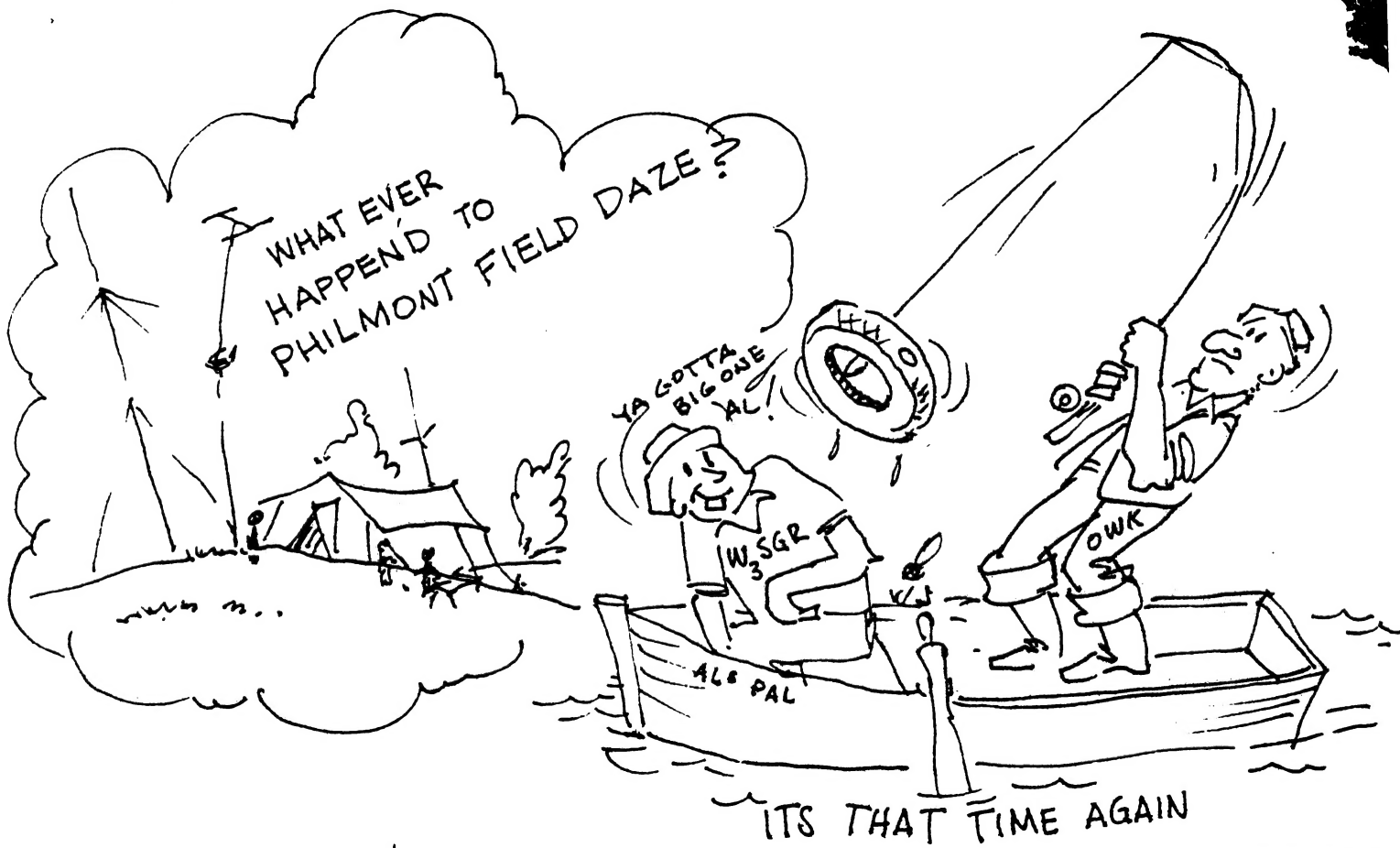
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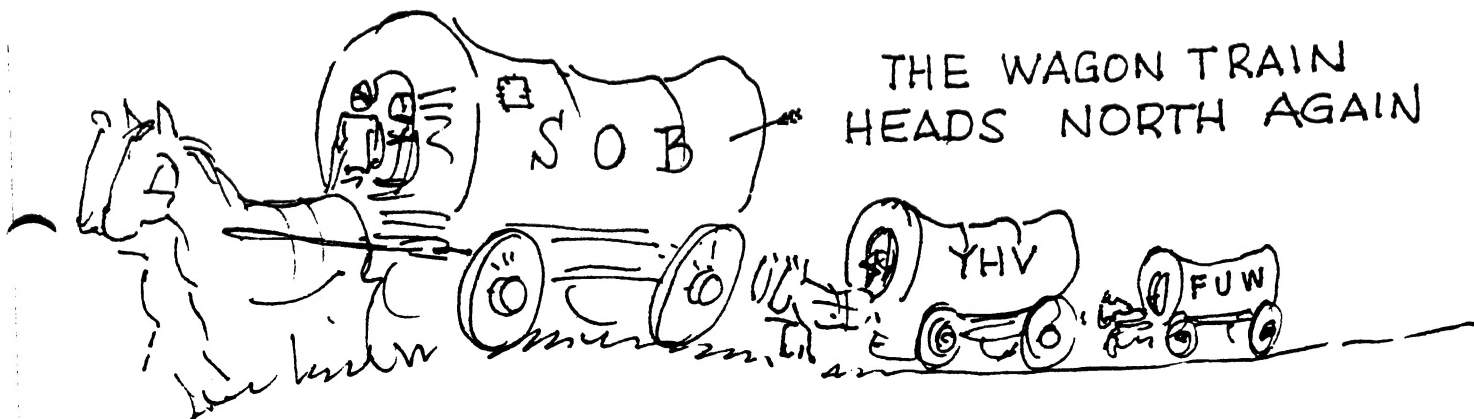
We would like to express our thanks as a club to Frank, K2KRC, who has donated a Triplet Meter and case to the club; and to Bill, WB3ALG, who donated an 11-element 2-meter beam. Both items will be used at W3TKQ.

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Philmont would like to express its sympathy to Andy, KØNL, on the recent loss of his wife. Andy is Editor of the ARNS Bulletin and a long time friend of the club in addition to he and his wife being personally known to many of us.



A SIGN OF SUMMER  
THE COMM-BUS ROLLS





NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Ronel Carter, WA3PWT

Handle: Ron

401 Folcroft Ave.,

Folcroft, PA. 19032

Phone: (H) 534-8410

Sponsored by: W3PWG; WB3HVE

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Walt Laforet, WA3VCY

Handle: Walt

6305 Calvert St.,

Phila., PA. 19149

Wife: Georgette (no call)

Occupation: Retired

Phone: (H) PI-3-3766

Sponsored by: K3GBA; W3AWG

Action on the above applications will be taken at the June Midmonth Meeting.

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FOR SALE

Clegg FM 27-B, late model .....\$225.00

Regency Scanner, 10 channels.....\$100.00

Radio Shack CB radios, converted to 10 meters.....\$20.00; & \$ 30.00

contact Rick Bryant, KØVCK/3  
387-4781 or 243-7124

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Those of you who are involved with government contracts will particularly appreciate this:

Over the door to the office of the Head Engineer, Naval Shipyard Hunter's Point, is a sign which reads, "There was only one clear-cut shipbuilding contract ever written. It stated: 'The Lord said to Noah, Go and build an Ark'."



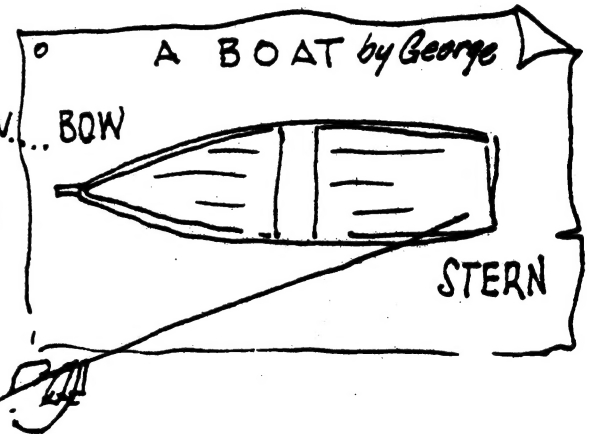
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HAS A 40 FOOTER  
FOR SALE



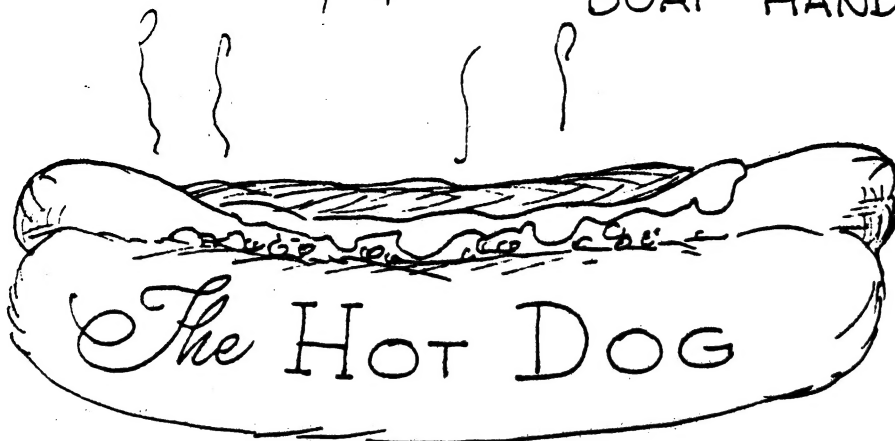
MORE ABOUT  
BOATS  
AND OTHER  
STUFF



THE FLAT END  
IS THE STERN...  
SPEAKIN' OF  
STERNS



W3JOO HAS THE LATEST ON  
BOAT HANDLING RULES & REGS



The first recorded appearance in print of the term hot dog was in 1903. The late Henry Mencken—as would be expected by anyone familiar with his massive and enormously entertaining tome, "The American Language"—did some very thorough research on the origins of hot dog.

His findings:

Although sausages in rolls have been sold in this country for many years, the very first person to heat the roll and add mustard and relish was the famous Harry Stevens, concessionaire at the Polo Grounds and Yankee Stadium.

And the coiner of the name hot dog? None other than the late T.A. Dorgan who, signing his work "Tad," was without doubt the best-known sports cartoonist of the era.



AS ANY ONE CAN  
PLAINLY SEE...  
THE QQH<sup>S</sup>  
HAVE BEEN TO  
HAWAII

## TWO METER NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

<u>June 4</u> W3IGW	<u>June 11</u> WB3CMM	<u>June 18</u> W3SRU	<u>June 25</u> WB2LGY	
<u>July 2</u> W3WXC	<u>July 9</u> W3AWG	<u>July 16</u> W3PST	<u>July 23</u> W3ZPP	<u>July 30</u> W3AA
<u>Aug. 6</u> W3IGW	<u>Aug. 13</u> WB3CMM	<u>Aug. 20</u> W3SRU	<u>Aug. 27</u> WB2LGY	

Thanks to Gil, W3SRU

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### PHILOSOPHICAL MUSINGS from Bill, WB3ALG

You learn how to live when you learn how to lose.

Behold the warranty; the bold print giveth, and the fine print taketh away.

Statistics prove that at age 70 there are five women to every man. Isn't that the darndest time for a guy to get those odds?

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The Tustin Institute of Technology, in an attempt to promote the change to metric measurement, has been selling T-shirts imprinted, "Think Metric" followed by the school logo which is composed of the initial letters of its name. There is now a move afoot to print the logo on bras also.

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### TID-BITS

There is currently a project being planned the Navy, a research institution, and a magazine to attempt to locate the Titanic, which sank in about 12,000 feet of water on April 15, 1912. The exact coordinates of the sinking are not known, but the area is about 1600 miles northeast of New York City.

Search will be conducted using side-scan and profiling sonar; magnetometers, photography, and closed-circuit TV. When the wreck is pin-pointed it will be thoroughly explored and photographed using a submersible vehicle.

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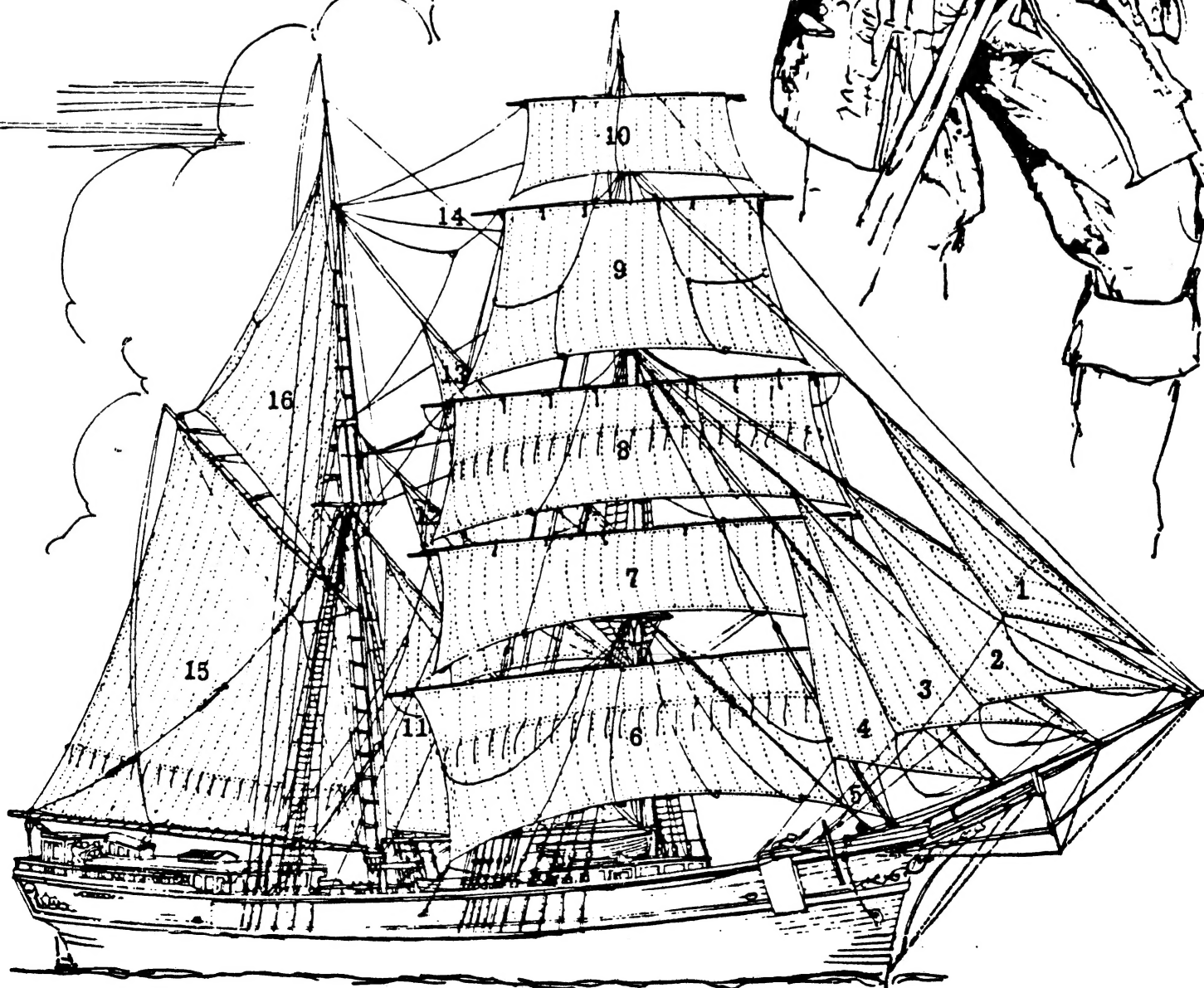
For boaters not equipped with VHF-FM or 2 MHz radios, CB Channel 9 will soon provide a way to alert the Coast Guard in cases of emergencies. The USCG will monitor Ch. 9 on a not-to-interfere basis with marine radio guards at search and rescue stations throughout the US.



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- 10 Fore royal
- 11 Main staysail
- 12 Lower main topmast staysail
- 13 Upper main topmast staysail
- 14 Main topgallant staysail
- 15 Mainsail
- 16 Main gaff topsail

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